

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-4 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 2 and 4 are amended. The amendments are made solely to place the claims in proper form for U.S. Patent practice, and not related to overcome any prior art. No new matter is added. Reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested.

**Allowable subject matter**

Applicants appreciate that claims 1-4 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Applicants have amended claims 1, 2 and 4 to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, and thus respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance.

**Claim Rejection 35 U.S.C. § 112**

Claims 1-4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention.

With regard to the rejection of claim 1, line 5 (e.g., "a compound needle arranged on each of the carriages"), Applicants have amended line 5 to recite that "each of compound needles" are...in each of the needle beds. Accordingly, it is submitted that claim 1 recites one knitting cam acting on a needle body of each of compound needles.

With regard to the rejection of claim 1, line 7, Applicants have amended line 7 to obviate the rejection.

With regard to the rejection of claim 1, page 5, line 8, Applicants submit that "a slider receiving raising cam" may inherently move with respect to the carriage because the assembly (e.g., the group of receiving cams including the slider receiving raising cam) may

move with respect to the carriage. Nonetheless, Applicants have removed the term "with respect to movement of the carriage" to obviate the rejection.

With regard to the rejection of claim 2, Applicants have amended claim 2 to obviate the rejection.

Applicants further submit that claims 1, 2 and 4 have been amended to better conform to U.S. Patent practice. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested.

**CONCLUSION**

Accordingly, in view of the above amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the objections and rejections and allowance of each of claims 1-4 in connection with the present application is earnestly solicited.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to David J. Cho, Reg. 48,078 at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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